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1. WE INTERPRETED THE STRONG TONE OF THE EC'S LETTER IN ASKING US TO RECONSIDER PERRY AS INDICATING T;E EC'S DESIRE FOR GREATER PROGRESS IN SELECTING T;E PANEL MEM0ERSHIP. IN VIEW OF THIS, WE THOUGHT IT APPROPRIATE TO MAKE AN INFORMAL RESPONSE TO THE EC THROUGH MR. LENG, OF THE EC DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON. THROUGH OUR COMMUNICATIONS WITHLEND, IT WAS AGREED T;AT A DIRECT MEETING OF T;E EC AND U.S. REPRESENTATIVES IS DESIRABLE. THE EC HAS INDICATED THAT THE EARLIEST TIME THEY COULD MEET IS THE WEEK OF JANUARY 13,1975. THEY WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH US AS TO A SPECIFIC DATE. WE HAVE INDICATED T;AT WE DESIRE THE MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE EARLIEST CONVENIENT DATE AND THAT IT BE HELD EITHER IN BRUSSELS OR IN WASHINGTON, AS THE EC MAY DESIRE.

2. WE HAVE ALSO PROPOSED THAT WE DISCUSS AT THE MEETING THE PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWEDDDD THE PANELS CONSIDERING BOTH THE EC COMPLAINT AGAINST THE DISC AND OUR COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE TAX PRACTICES OF FRANCE, BELGIUM, AND THE

NETHERLANDS. WE ARE CONSIDERING PROPOSING THAT CHAIRMAN LAI BE ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE DISCUSSIONS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENT YOU MAY HAVE CONCERNING THE ROLE OF THE CHAIRMAN IN THESE DISCUSSIONS. SISCO

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